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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement reached in November. This settlement is fair and reasonable, and I for one am tired of this on-going debate. It is time to end this litigation and deal with more pressing concerns.

I am a believer in free enterprise, and I do not believe Microsoft should be punished for doing its job successfully. This settlement was reached after extensive negotiations. Microsoft has agreed to all terms of the agreement; terms that extend well beyond the issues of the original lawsuit, all for the sake of moving on from this continued litigation. Microsoft will, for example, share information with its competitors regarding the nature of Windows, which will allow them to place their own programs on the operating system.

We are facing economic difficulties at the present time, and it would not be productive to waste our time on this issue. We must do all we can to boost our economy. Restricting Microsoft will not accomplish this.

This fight should have never been started. But now that it has, let's end it and go forward.

Thank you.



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